

REMARKS

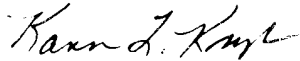
Claims 13-16 and 18 were previously canceled. Claims 1-12, 17 and 19-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 9-11, 17, 19 and 20 stand withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8 and 12 stand rejected. Claims 1-12, 17, 19 and 20 are now canceled. Claim 21 stands allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claim 21 has been deemed allowable. In view of the cancelation of Claims 1-12, 17, 19 and 20, only allowed Claim 21 remains in the case. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants also note with appreciation that the Examiner has deemed acceptable the revised Figure 2B presented in the amendment dated January 6, 2003. The replacement sheet for Figure 2B is provided in the Appendix.

Applicants do not believe this amendment requires a payment of any additional fees. If this is in error, please deduct any necessary fees from the Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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